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SUBJ: DEPSEC VISIT TO SOUTH ASIA

1. PAKISTAN TIMES RAWALPINDI APRIL 5 CARRIES TWO REPORTS REGARDING DEPSEC' S VISIT TO SOUTH ASIA. REUTERS ITEM DATELINED NEW DELHI APRIL 4 REPORTS GOI SPOKESMAN CONFIRMING THAT DEPSEC AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO ARRIVING APRIL 20 IN NEW DELHI FOR TWO DAYS TALKS DURING SOUTH ASIAN TOUR. SECOND ARTICLE REPORTS COMMENTS OF LEADER OF PAKISTAN DELEGATION OF FAMILIES OF PRISONERS OF WAR AT NEWS CONFERENCE HELD AT PAKISTAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON APPARENTLY APRIL 4. BEGUM NASIM FEZAL KHAN REPORTED AS SAYING THAT DEPSEC WOULD VISIT " NEXT MONTH" INDIA, BANGLADESH, PAKISTAN AND NEPAP.

2. WE NOTE THAT TO DATE GOP HAS MAINTAINED SILENCE AS WE REQUESTED REGARDING DEPSEC VISIT. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF PRESS REPORTS CITED ABOVE, REQUEST DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE RE HANDLING OF POSSIBLE PRESS INQUIRIES HERE.
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